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Holiday Fire Claims the Life of Caddo Parish Couple

Greenwood – State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning released information in reference to a late night fire on July 4. The fire claimed the life of two elderly people in their home as they were sleeping.

The Caddo Parish Fire District #3 Fire Department was called at 9:12pm to respond to 4783 Greenwood Heights Road to a report that a residential home was on fire. When Firefighters arrived minutes later they discovered that the carport of the home was completely involved in flames and the fire had moved into the interior of the structure. Firefighters quickly entered the home and located two bodies that were in the master bedroom. They removed the two people, administered emergency medical care and transported them to LSU Shreveport Medical Center where both were later pronounced dead. The fire was brought under control in approximately 25 minutes and the home sustained significant damage as a result of this fire.

The Louisiana State Fire Marshal was called to investigate this tragic fire and subsequent two deaths. The fire originated under the carport of the home where two vehicles were stored. Investigators have not determined a fire cause at this time nor completed the preliminary investigation. Family member’s report that smoke detectors were installed in the home 6 months ago but it has not been determined if these detectors alarmed the occupants. The home is a single family wood frame dwelling that was constructed over 50 years ago. The deceased are Elgin Ralph Elliott (dob. 9-29-1927) and Mary Elliott (dob. 5-21-1927), the two were married. The Caddo Parish Coroner will be performing an autopsy as a normal part of this investigation. Investigators will be working into the early morning hours and days to follow to determine more information as to the cause of this fire.

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